

HOUSEHOLD.

Where are the Grandmothers?

(Emma A. Lente, in the 'N. W. Christian Advocate'.)

Where are the grandmothers? Once they were plentiful and wholly delightful. One had no difficulty in finding them, they wore white caps or lace bowed with lavender ribbon on their soft, silver-tinted hair.

They wore gold-rimmed spectacles and white lawn aprons in the mornings and black silk ones in the afternoons and had pockets in their gowns.

They knew how to knit—fancy stitches and patterns perhaps—but always the baby's socks, the boys' long stockings and mittens for everyone.

They were people of leisure and had time to listen, tender patience to answer the unending questions of the children, to croon a lullaby to the weary baby; and had always a word of sympathy and comfort for those who were busy and harassed with the stress of the day and its cares.

They could tell such fascinating stories—these grandmothers; stories of their childhood and Bible stories and fairy lore, and they could sing. To the critical ear the wavering, untrained voices might not have made melody, but the ballads of romance and the hymns of the faith which they sang have, sweet, unending echoes.

Their rooms came to seem like no other rooms; they were peaceful havens where bustle and fret and strife and envy had no place, for their owners were tender of heart and pitiful and of large charity.

They were familiar with the Bible and always knew on the instant where to find the books of James and Corinthians and Hosea and Esther; but the book they loved the best and read the most was Revelation, because they were drawing so near to its wonderful mysteries and blisses. Years have passed since they went out into the glory of its revelation—these sweet, saintly grandmothers whom we remember with such love and longing, and rarely do we see their like; but when we do, we crave to touch even the hem of their garments and ask of them a benediction.

Household Hints.

Sprinkle and fold the clothes carefully, and the ironing is half done.

Save steps by using a medium sized tray on which to carry victuals and dishes to and from the dining table.

Put a quart of flour in a baking pan, brown it thoroughly in the oven, and set it aside to cool, after which seal it tightly in a can; for use in gravies, soup, etc.

When a knife has been used to cut onions, wipe it with a damp cloth and rub it briskly with coarse salt. The objectionable smell will then entirely disappear.

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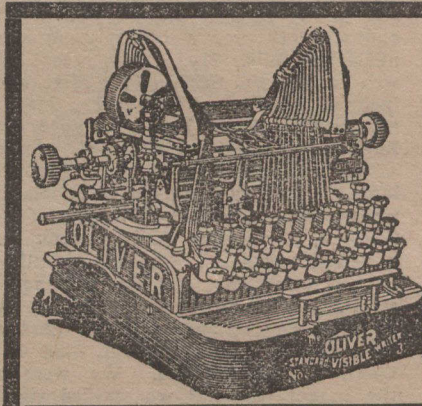
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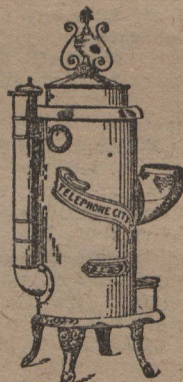
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